

BORED OF THE RINGS?

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DISHES OF FISHES
Fish Bar
2956 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-687-8177

Celebrate the holidays Italian-style with a six-course Feast of the Seven Fishes tasting menu featuring crispy fluke, calamari stuffed with spicy sausage, Alaskan black cod and more ($50). Not ready to commit to the entire dinner? Choose individual plates for $6-$11 each. 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

DRINK



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Whoville comes alive at The Grinch Who Gave Back Christmas, a Make-A-Wish foundation benefit that includes Roast Beast sliders and veggie Who-mus cups, plus Absolut vodka cocktails including the Cindy Lou Who Martini, the Snowy Mount Crumpit and A Pinch of Grinch—all set amid faux snow, lollipops, candy canes and costumed staff decked out as The Grinch and other characters. 10 p.m.-midnight. $20.

HOLIDAY CHEERS
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POSING FOR CHARITY
Berlin
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Strike a pose with "RuPaul's Drag Race" Season 4 contestant Dida Ritz at Vogue for Tots, where local entertainers compete for prizes in a vogue-off competition while DJs Barbara Butch & Unisexy of Queerer Park, Rene Romero and B-Starr throw down the beats. 10 p.m. $7-$10; $5 if you bring a Toys for Tots donation.

WORK OF ART
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Recreate a masterpiece or design a new original work at Art Night Out, a BYOB class where instructor Meridee Hodges shows you how to draw images on canvas, mix paints and create handmade gifts to take home using canvases, papers and other media. 7-9:30 p.m. $25. RSVP: **edgegallerychicago.com**.

REDEYE TIP OF THE DAY From 6-9 p.m., stroll the Grand Avenue Design District Holiday Shop Hop—with cookies! **grandavedesigndistrict.com**.

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Labor union members and supporters demonstrate Tuesday in Lansing, Mich., in opposition to a right-to-work law. REUTERS

UNION BUSTING

Once-iconic American political force losing its grip on power

CNN

Michigan dealt a tremendous blow to unions Tuesday, approving a right-to-work measure in the heart of organized labor's industrial stronghold.

The new law not only signals a change in America's so-called Rust Belt but is also the latest sign that the power of organized labor is shrinking in the U.S.

American unions already have a fraction of the influence they did a few decades ago. Only about 12 percent of workers are union members, down from 20 percent in 1983, according to federal data.

In the private sector, the plunge has been even steeper: Union membership has dropped from 17 percent in 1983 to 7 percent today.

That's partly because certain unionized industries have become a smaller part of the overall work force, particularly in manufacturing. It's also a result of government action.

Michigan has become the 24th state to adopt a right-to-work law, which removes the requirement for people to pay union dues to work at unionized agencies, effectively decreasing union funding and making it less likely that workers choose to organize.

Union supporters in Michigan didn't go down without a fight. They staged a rally outside the state capitol in Lansing as lawmakers voted.

For much of American history, unions have been credited with helping millions achieve the American dream and criticized for "heavy-handed" operations. They also were reviled for corruption in the days of Jimmy Hoffa.

But unions have long remained a force to be reckoned with. Today, Michigan becomes the latest state in the Rust Belt, the heart of America's manufacturing industry, to chip away at their power.

Earlier this year, Wisconsin had its own showdown over the power of unions when Gov. Scott Walker—who opposes unions—overcame an attempt to recall him from office. The failed recall vote was fueled by anger over laws he pushed that stripped collective bargaining rights from most public unions. Indiana also passed a right-to-work law this year.

While there have been moments of good news for organized labor, including pay bumps for GM autoworkers, industry analysts agree that organized labor no longer holds the sway it once did among America's workers.

Organized Labor 101

So why the downfall of American unions? That depends on whom you ask.

Blaming big business

Big businesses are behind campaigns to squelch organized labor, and they are seeing some success, according to some economic experts.

It's the economy

For businesses to recover from the recession and build jobs in America, they need to get out from under organized labor, according to some analysts. And that has led to the decline of union power—which is good news, they say.

Is it all about red and blue?

The decline in union strength also is tied to the political battle between Democrats and Republicans. Unions have traditionally been aligned with Democrats.

CNN

Hey buddy, can we just be bros?



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Forget OKCupid, it's time for BroKCupid—a website where guys can find platonic dude dates without all the built-in awkwardness of trolling conventional dating sites. To me, it's the final frontier of online social networking—boldly going where no man (with a straight face) has gone before.

In case you haven't noticed, romantic dating websites have reached a critical mass for us urbanites over the past couple of years. Roughly half the people I know use **match.com** or **okcupid.com**, and there are a growing number of websites popping up dedicated to matching people with niche tastes—book lovers, geeks, vegans, even (gulp) Ayn Rand fans—to that special cyber-someone.

It's now safe to assume that the "Oh my god, only desperate virgins or creepy ax-murderer psychopaths use those sites!" stigma has all but evaporated. (Side note to those who use missed connections on Craigslist: Sorry, I Saw You On The Blue Line, but your romantic whimsy is still hopelessly futile.)

Apparently, it's even becoming normal for women to meet each other online for friend-only encounters. As The New York Times reported earlier this year, sites such as **socialjane.com** and **girlfriendcircles.com** are beginning to attract bigger user bases. But the places for guys to connect with other guys online for the purpose of hanging out, catching a Bulls game, hitting a show at the Empty Bottle or playing "Call of Duty" remain conspicuously absent.

Ok, it's true. Technically you have the option to change your settings on your current dating profile and say you're looking for "new friends" or "activity partners" on dating sites and message other guys, but the reality is that no one follows through with this. It's against Guy Code in the same way you can't meet a male stranger at a bar and ask for his number for a platonic rendezvous.

I know that if I ever received a message from a straight man on OKCupid to the tune of "you seem cool, we should hang out," I'd instantly be suspicious that person was: A) Stealthily gay; B) Trying to rob me; or C) Experimenting with a desperate plan to sell insurance.

Personally, I'm in the market for some new BFFs. My old friends and I have drifted apart over the years, for various reasons. Some are submerged in their jobs, some are more focused on their wives/long-term girlfriends, and some have faded because of the strain of long distance.

Finding new friends isn't easy. The way it traditionally has worked is that friendships evolve organically, usually by meeting randomly at college, work or playing on the same sports teams. But I'm long out of school, I work from home, and most of the guys I've met from my pickup basketball league or Twitter don't seem interested in being more than super casual buddies.

That's why I need someone to invent **manmatch.com** or **friendup.net**, because I'm left with this odd truth about the state of relationships in the city in 2012: It's easier to get a hookup than a handshake.

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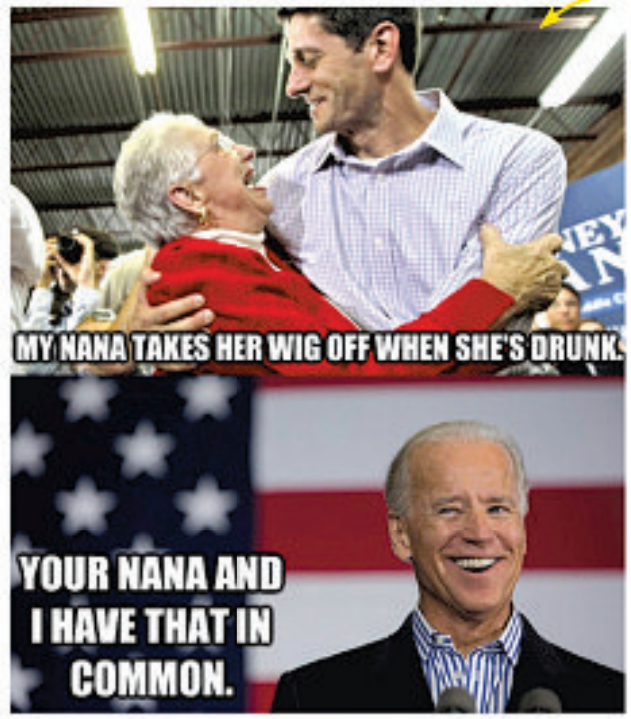


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4 TO TRY

TUMBLR THURSDAY

You know the drill by now—if you're not following these Tumblrs already, you should be. JESSICA GALLIART, REDEYE SOCIAL MEDIA LADY



Mean Girls of Capitol Hill
meangirlsofcapitolhill.tumblr.com
What happens when you make meme mashups of quotes from "Mean Girls" and photos of congressional leaders? You punch yourself in the face for not thinking of it first.

What Should We Call Girls
whatshouldwecallgirls.tumblr.com
HBO's "Girls" didn't have an official Tumblr yet, so they finally made one modeled off of the "What Should We Call Me" GIF Tumblr. Premieres Jan. 13!

Q. What did Batman say to Robin before they got in the car?

A. Get in the car.

Bad Kids Jokes *badkidsjokes.tumblr.com*
Not jokes about bad kids. Kid jokes that are really, really bad. Someone who moderates a kids' jokes website started this Tumblr to compile all the horrible submissions—both lame jokes and offensive ones.

Your LL Bean Boyfriend *yourllbeanboyfriend.tumblr.com*
Suggested to me via email by two different coworkers about 10 minutes apart from each other. Maybe you shouldn't return those LL Bean pajama pants from your mom this Christmas, after all.





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THURSDAY 48/36 Warm

FRIDAY 50/38 Still warm

SATURDAY 42/34 Snow??!?!?!

FYI The latest date Chicago has received its first measurable snowfall since record-keeping began in 1884 was Dec. 16, 1965.



Brandon Hacker and his fiancee, Aleksa Dutko, share a kiss Wednesday before they were married at Chicago City Hall. NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE

DOZEN LOVERS

Couples hope for good luck with 12-12-12 wedding date

Chicago Tribune

Giddy couples flocked to wedding venues Wednesday hoping luck and a little numerology would bring them lasting love.

Wednesday was the last chance of this century to have a triple-digit anniversary date: 12/12/12.

"I think it's lucky, 12/12/12," said Amer Aljammal, 29, as his wife-to-be kissed him on the cheek.

Aljammal and Nadia Ayuob, 27, were among 155 couples who tied the knot at Cook County's marriage court Wednesday. On a typical day, 20 or 30 couples get married at the court, according to Courtney Greve, a spokeswoman for the Cook County clerk's office.

"It's not as busy as Valentine's Day, but much busier than an average day," Greve said.

Aljammal and Ayuob met two years ago at O'Hare when Aljammal struck up a conversation with Ayuob while she worked as a flight attendant stationed there. A week later, Aljammal asked her parents for permission to date her.

"He always says I'm his missing puzzle piece, and same for me," she said. "And he's right."

At the Renaissance Blackstone Chicago Hotel, Taj Smith and Bree Boston, both 31, said they jumped at the chance to exchange vows at noon Wednesday.

"It was 12/12/12 at 12," Boston said. "We had to be here." The pair had secret crushes on each other in high school but didn't date until four months ago, when Smith reached out to Boston seeking advice about college.

A survey by David's Bridal from earlier this year showed that 43 percent of brides would consider planning their wedding on a special date such as 10/11/12 or 12/12/12.

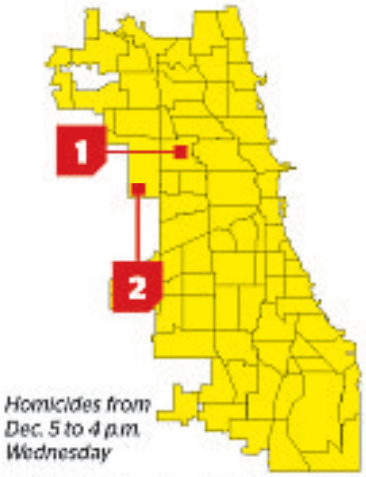
As Aljammal and Ayuob stood in line with dozens of other couples waiting to get married, Aljammal said he wasn't surprised others chose Wednesday to get hitched.

"I understand it's obvious. Everyone wants the same date, this unique date that will be remembered forever," he said.

THE DIGIT

6.25 MILLION

The City Council on Wednesday voted to pay $6.25 million to a man who suffered brain damage and permanent disability when he was hit by a drunken city worker who plowed his pickup truck into a crowd on a Gold Coast sidewalk.



Homicides from Dec. 5 to 4 p.m. Wednesday

HOMICIDE TRACKER

By Tracy Swartz

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The West Side saw two homicides on Sunday night, police said.

A 16-year-old boy was shot to death in the 1100 block of North Harding Avenue in Humboldt Park, police said.

Meanwhile, a man in his 20s was fatally shot in the 1100 block of South Austin Boulevard in Austin, according to officials.

Austin, Chicago's largest community area, has recorded 32 homicides so far this year, RedEye data shows. Thirty homicides were logged last year.

Humboldt Park has recorded 16 homicides so far this year, according to RedEye data. Twenty homicides were logged last year.

Seven homicides have been recorded so far this month. Thirty-seven homicides were logged in December 2011, according to RedEye data.

1 **1100 BLOCK OF N. HARDING AVE.**
Date: Dec. 9 Victim: 1
Cause: Gunshot

2 **1100 BLOCK OF S. AUSTIN BLVD.**
Date: Dec. 9 Victim: 1
Cause: Gunshot

EXPRESS LINES

- All inbound and outbound Metra Union Pacific/North line trains were stopped Wednesday after a Metra train fatally struck a pedestrian near the Rogers Park station.
- A convicted felon was expected in bond court Wednesday after he was arrested trying to burglarize a Lincoln Park home Tuesday, officials said. TRIBUNE



Mark Zuckerberg
GETTY IMAGES FILE

Facebook adds privacy controls

Facebook introduced a host of new privacy controls Wednesday that give users easier ways to determine who can see their posts and photos. The site also took away one setting that allows members to block their Timeline pages from appearing when others search for them.

1 Jenna Bush is expecting

Former President George W. Bush and Laura Bush are going to become grandparents in 2013. The couple's daughter, Jenna Bush Hager, 31, an NBC "Today" show correspondent, told the morning show Wednesday that she is pregnant with her first child, due in the new year.

2 Chavez in delicate condition

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez is in delicate condition after his latest cancer surgery, the government said Wednesday in a somber assessment that could signal an end to his 14-year rule.

See Wirtanen meteors this week

Look to the heavens this week and you may see something no earthling has seen before: meteors from the comet Wirtanen. The comet was discovered in 1948 and orbits the sun every 5.4 years, but 2012 will mark the first time the Earth's orbit will cross the comet's debris field.

3 More holdups on 'fiscal cliff'

Sharp differences remained Wednesday between congressional Republicans and the White House in talks to avert the "fiscal cliff" of steep tax hikes and budget cuts, and negotiators warned the showdown could drag on past Christmas.

Shooter in Oregon acted alone

4 CLACKAMAS, Ore. A masked gunman who opened fire in the food court of a crowded Oregon shopping mall, killing two people and wounding a third before taking his own life, appears to have acted alone in a blind rampage with no known motive, police said Wednesday.

Investigators identified the man behind Tuesday afternoon's shooting as Jacob Tyler Roberts, 22, who they said had no significant criminal history and apparently acted without warning.

The weapon he used was described as an AR-15 semiautomatic rifle, which the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office said was stolen the day before the shooting from an unidentified acquaintance of the killer.


Roberts

Roberts also was believed to be carrying several fully loaded ammunition magazines when he walked into the Clackamas Town Center in the Portland suburb of Happy Valley and moved swiftly to a food court at the center of the mall to start shooting, authorities said. He was wearing a hockey-style mask at the time.

Two people were killed on the spot: Steven Mathew Forsyth, 45, of suburban West Linn, a father of two who owned a business in the mall, and Cindy Ann Yuille, 54, of Portland, according to Sheriff Craig Roberts.

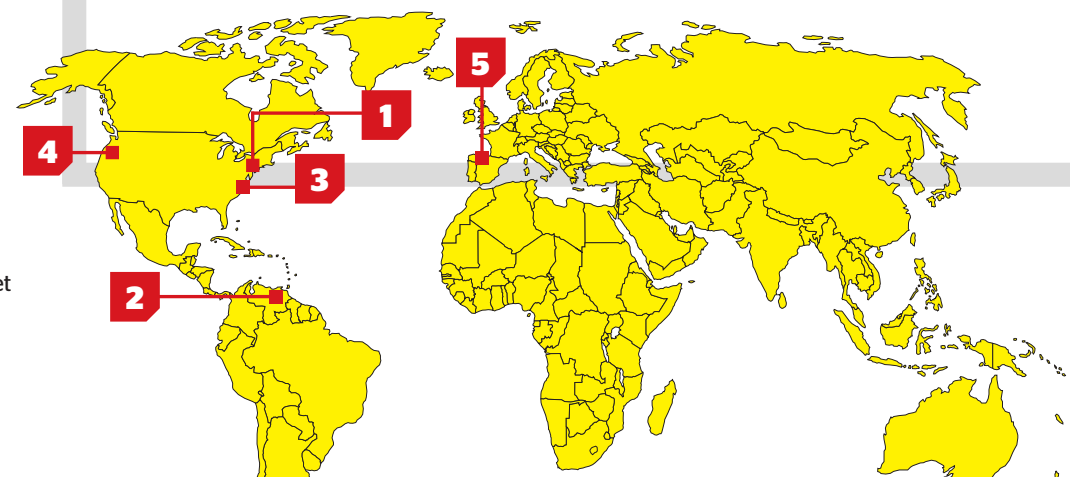
Kristina Shevchenko, 15, was badly wounded but managed to stagger away from the food court to the lower level of the mall, where she was found. She was hospitalized in serious condition Wednesday.

Carnage from the shooting likely was limited by the fact that the gun jammed, although the suspect managed to get the weapon working again before he moved downstairs and shot himself, the sheriff told a news conference.

Sheriff Roberts also said the casualty count was curtailed by the fact that the estimated 10,000 shoppers in the mall "kept a level head" for the most part in swiftly leaving the building, helping each other in the process.



5 The British ship Beaumont sits on the beach near Aviles, Spain, after running aground Wednesday. It later was floated back out to sea. REUTERS



Redbox set to launch monthly streaming video

Redbox will launch an $8-a-month instant video streaming service this month in a challenge to dominant movie rental company Netflix in the battle for home entertainment dollars.

The price, which matches Netflix's charge for unlimited streaming from its bigger library of movies and TV shows, includes four one-night DVD rentals per month from Redbox kiosks. Streaming and DVD-by-mail packages start at $16 on Netflix.

Redbox parent Coinstar Inc. and joint venture partner Verizon Communications Inc. will begin selling subscriptions to "Redbox Instant by Verizon" later this month, the companies said in a statement Wednesday.

THE DIGIT

13,000

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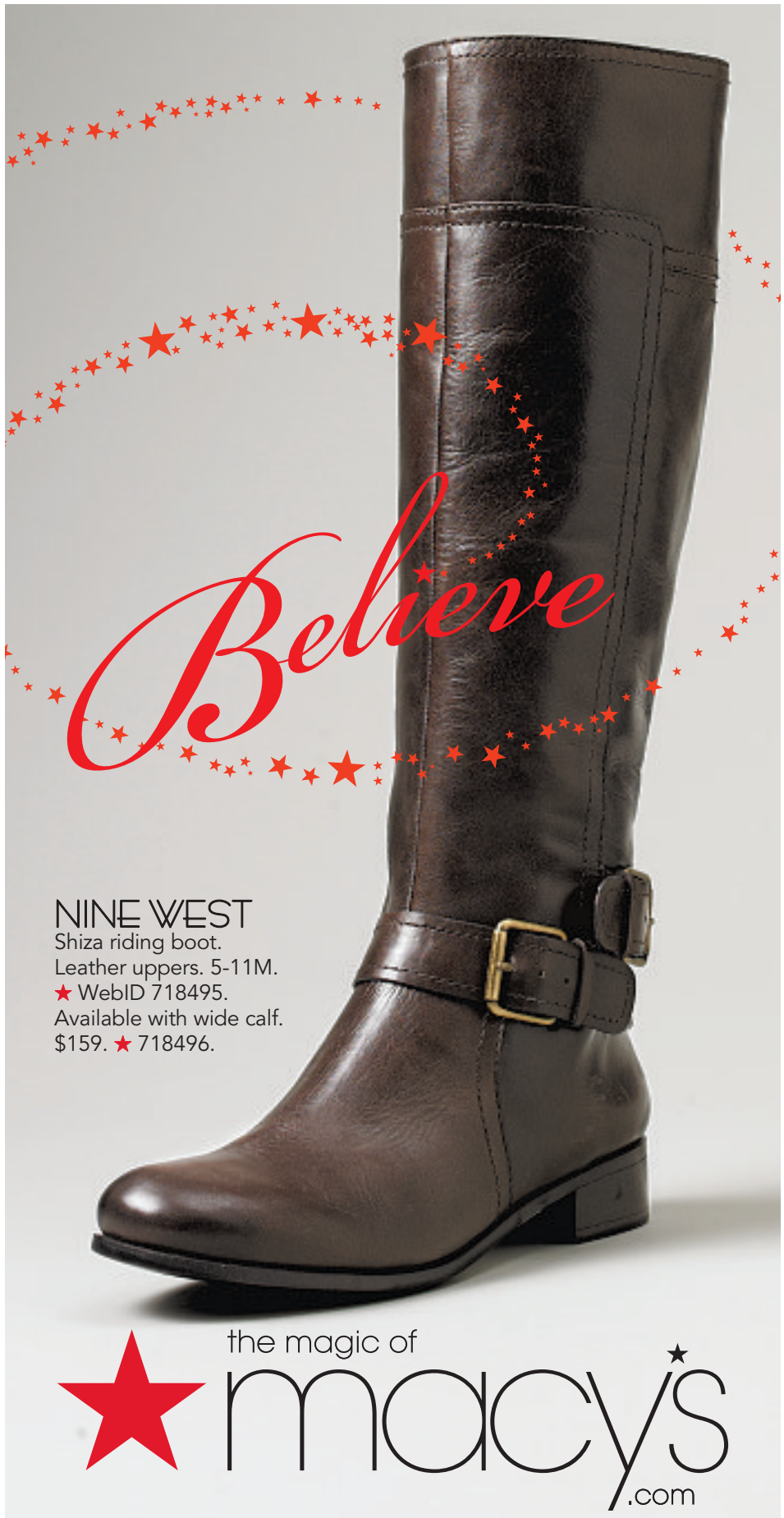
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A trader works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday while a screen shows U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's news conference. **REUTERS**

Stocks wobbly after 'cliff' talk

NEW YORK Stocks ended nearly flat Wednesday, giving up most of the day's gains after Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke reiterated that monetary policy won't be enough to offset damage from the "fiscal cliff."

His comments followed the Federal Reserve's announcement of a new stimulus plan, which briefly pushed the S&P 500 to a seven-week high.

The plan, the latest attempt to boost the country's struggling economy, will replace a more modest program set to expire with a fresh round of Treasury purchases that will increase its balance sheet. The program is known as "quantitative easing" or QE.

In comments after the announcement, Bernanke said he hopes markets won't have to tank to get a fiscal cliff deal.

"Initially the addition of QE was certainly favorable. I think, though, in the press conference, what came out is that there still seems to be a level of uncertainty with regard to the exit strategy [and] the efficacy of the current policy," said Bucky Hellwig, senior vice president at BB&T Wealth Management in Birmingham, Ala.

Bernanke "reiterated the fact that monetary policy has its hands tied as far as addressing the seriousness of going over the fiscal cliff," Hellwig added.



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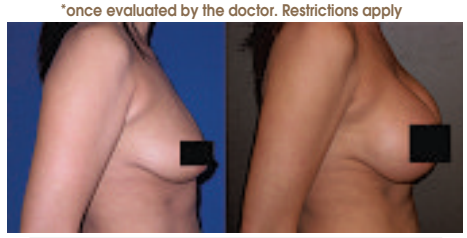


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THE LONG, STRANGE STORY OF JOHN MCAFEE

Software pioneer John McAfee speaks to journalists as he is escorted by immigration officers at La Aurora International Airport in Guatemala City. REUTERS

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GUATEMALA CITY John McAfee's odyssey on the run opened a new chapter after Guatemala deported the former Silicon Valley millionaire to the U.S.

McAfee, 67, is wanted for questioning in Belize over the murder of a fellow American.

He had been held for a week in Guatemala, where he surfaced after evading officials in Belize for nearly a month following the killing of American Gregory Faull, his neighbor on the Caribbean island of Ambergris Caye.

McAfee has led the world's media in a game of online hide-and-seek in Belize and Guatemala since he fled after Faull's death, peppering the Internet with pithy quotes and colorful revelations about his unpredictable lifestyle.

"I'm happy to be going home," McAfee, dressed in a black suit, told reporters shortly before his departure from Guatemala City airport Wednesday afternoon.

"I've been running through jungles and rivers and oceans, and I think I need to rest for a while," he said. "And I've been in jail for seven days."



McAfee's home in San Pedro, Belize REUTERS

Police in Belize want to quiz McAfee as a "person of interest" in Faull's death, though the tech guru's lawyers managed to block an attempt by Guatemala to send him back there.

Guatemala's immigration authorities had been holding McAfee since he was arrested last Wednesday for illegally entering the country with his 20-year-old Belizean girlfriend.

The eccentric tech pioneer, who made his fortune from the anti-virus software bearing his name, has been chronicling life on the run in a blog, **whoismcafee.com**.


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Under your skin

Felice Herrig wants to make you feel uncomfortable

By Matt Lindner
FOR REDEYE

Next time you're at the spa receiving a soothing massage or facial, make sure you're nice to your esthetician. There's a chance that person can kick your butt.

That's because esthetician-turned-mixed martial arts fighter Felice Herrig says the two jobs are more similar than you might think.

"You have to be aware of the body and the senses," the 28-year-old Crystal Lake resident said. "When I would give facials and massages, I would be in tune with the other person's body."

Of course, what she's trying to do with that knowledge is a lot different in her current job. She will face off against Patricia Vidonic on Friday night at The Venue at Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, Ind., as part of Bellator 84. It will be broadcast live at 7 p.m. on MTV2.

"I think that's why I was good at what I did as an esthetician, because I knew what people liked. I could sense that they didn't like this; this is making them uncomfortable," she said. "Now with the fighting it's like, 'This is making you uncomfortable; how can I make you more uncomfortable?' "

Herrig, a Buffalo Grove native, has been a full-time fighter for two years, after years of working as both an esthetician and a waitress to support her passion.

"It was hard to get off work [as an esthetician] and everything because people would book appointments with me, so I just waitressed the last couple years so I could have my own hours and travel as I needed," she said.

Herrig defeated Vidonic by unanimous decision in their only meeting, back in April. Herrig also brings a lifetime record of 7-4 into Friday's bout, including a TKO and a pair of victories by submission. When stepping into the ring, she says, her goal is to get out of her own head.

"I don't really think about it," she said. "It's just what I do. I just go in there and do my thing. I kind of have tunnel vision."

Herrig attributes the recent spike in MMA's popularity among women to an increase in the number of televised fights and the number of gyms where MMA training is now available.

"It takes awhile to get the ball rolling, and once it does, it just takes off everywhere," she said. "More shows are popping up everywhere. Now [that] there's more gyms popping up and whatnot, it's easier for women as well. Now it's our turn."

And while the number of aspiring female fighters is growing, Herrig cautions that the road to full-time glory in the ring is neither easy nor glamorous.

"I think that your heart has to really be in it and you have to be OK with getting hit and putting in the work," she said. "People want the glitz and the glamour of it. Everyone wants to be a rock star, but nobody wants to pay their dues. You have to be willing to make a lot of sacrifices to get there."

MATT LINDNER IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

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For a photo gallery of Chicago-area MMA fighters Felice Herrig and Pat Curran, visit **redeyechicago.com.**



TOTAL KNOCKOUT

Much to the delight of fighters such as Felice Herrig, women's mixed martial arts is becoming much easier to find—both on TV and in popular culture. Here are five important moments in female MMA.

MAY 2008
CBS airs "Elite XC Primetime." The card features a bout between Gina Carano and Kaitlin Young, and it's the first time a female MMA fight airs on major network TV.

SEPTEMBER 2011
"Supremacy MMA," a video game featuring Chicago-area native Felice Herrig, is released. It's the first game to feature female MMA fighters.

NOVEMBER 2011
The movie "Haywire" opens. It stars Carano and co-stars Channing Tatum and Michael Fassbender.

JULY 2012
Ronda Rousey, an MMA fighter who won Olympic bronze in judo (in 2008), is featured in ESPN The Magazine's Body Issue.

DECEMBER 2012
Rousey becomes the first women's champion in the Ultimate Fighting Championships.

THE STARTING LINE » Wolves vs. Hamilton, 7 p.m., Allstate Arena, CN100 » Simeon's Jabari Parker to announce college choice Dec. 20 » Marian Hossa cleared to play after concussion

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Olindo Mare should boost the Bears' kicking game. Now, if only he could play offensive line.



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1 What's the best thing the Bears have going for them right now?	They live in Chicago: A great city that knows when its team is almost toast.	No one's limbs have fallen off. Yet.	They don't play for the Blackhawks.	Jay Cutler is still standing.	The team has already mailed its Christmas list to the North Pole: some O-line spark and a Hess truck.
2 Welcome kicker Olindo Mare to the Bears.	No. He can welcome himself on the field. I didn't volunteer for the welcoming committee.	"Welcome. Please don't lose any limbs."	"Accept that warm-up kicking is not allowed and you'll be just fine."	"Welcome. You've got some Goulden shoes to fill."	"Nice audition, pal. I've never heard an Adele cover quite like that."
3 Who's likely to get a huge contract from the Cubs or White Sox?	Probably someone they had four years ago. What's with Chicago teams and reclaiming players?	Someone terrible, because the Yankees and Red Sox will poach anyone good.	Derrick Rose. He'll be in great shape by baseball season.	The company that runs Chicago's parking meters.	Cubs should extend their deal with Vienna Beef indefinitely. Best thing to happen at Wrigley in recent memory.
4 If Australians are putting a giant T-Rex model on a golf course, what's next?	A mini-golf hole with a Jefferson Starship obstacle. #outdated	An actual T-Rex. I might actually watch golf if there's a chance someone will get eaten.	Oompa Loompas and Veruca Salt serving cocktails on the greens.	New Zealand will teach it the Haka Dance.	Women at Augusta?! Oh wait ...
5 Cutting your son from your own NBA team is like ...	... sometimes a necessary act of professionalism. And still a total jerk move, Pops.	... giving your kid $50 in a puzzle box money holder. Still bitter about that, Mom!	... being the only adult seated at the kids' table for holiday dinner.	... a lesson in life, man. Yeah, deep.	... the adult equivalent of telling him there's no such thing as Santa. Sometimes the truth hurts.

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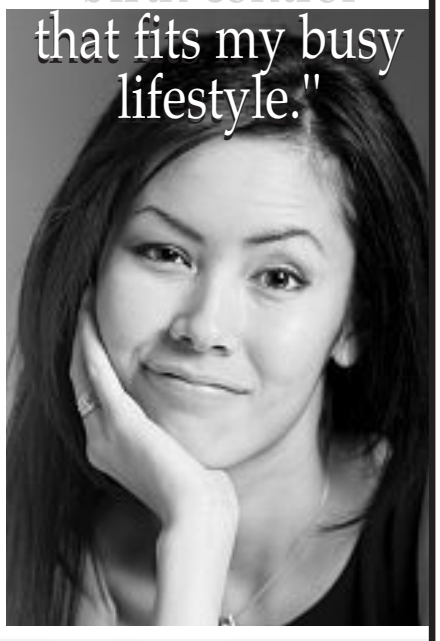
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We love end-of-year lists here at RedEye, and so does Google, apparently. The tech giant on Wednesday released its Year-End Zeitgeist—in other words, a reason to compile 838 top-10 lists from 55 countries. Here's who topped a handful of sports-related lists:



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Dec. 13: Buffalo 4, Blackhawks 2

Sabres captain Jason Pominville shot early and often against a Hawks defense missing Nick Leddy and Brent Seabrook, who were out with injuries, and hit the back of the net twice. Marcus Kruger scored for the second game in a row and Dave Bolland had the other tally for the Hawks, who lost for only the second time in six games.

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GOLLUM style

My precious! Man behind the creature steps behind the camera for 'Hobbit'


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LOS ANGELES Andy Serkis reprises his role as Gollum in "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," released worldwide Friday, but his main role this time was as a second-unit director, shooting battle sequences in 3-D for director Peter Jackson.

The British-born actor, 48, who rose to fame as the obsessive Gollum in Jackson's "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, spoke about the popular CGI character and his role behind the camera in New Zealand for "The Hobbit."

Was it nice to get reacquainted with Gollum after almost 10 years?
Yes, but he's never been that far away from me. Not a day goes by where I'm not reminded of Gollum by some person in the street who asks me to do his voice or wants to talk to me about him. But because "The Hobbit" has been talked about as a project for many years, I knew that at some point I'd have to re-engage with him.

Martin Freeman [Bilbo Baggins] is new to the franchise, and so are many other actors. As a veteran, did they come to you for advice?
It sort of manifested itself more in a way where [as a vet] you understand the scale and scope of what's required stamina-wise. It's a different rhythm than most movies. For a lot of the actors, you're 12,000 miles away from home. It becomes a way of life—getting up at five in the morning, shooting every day, day in day out, for 270 days. The new cast playing the dwarves were carrying incredibly heavy weights in their suits; they sat through hours of makeup every day. So it's quite challenging from a stamina point of view.

Playing Gollum was not your only job. You were also doing second-unit directing. What did that entail?
Directing was my main job this time—more than playing Gollum. I worked 200 days with a huge team shooting battle sequences, aerials. It was an amazing experience and one which I was very, very thankful to Peter for asking me to do.


Andy Serkis wears a motion-capture skin suit to play Gollum in 'The Two Towers.'

Also known as 'A Long Way to Go'



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After the 12 endings that wrapped up 2003's Best Picture-winning "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," Peter Jackson could have parted ways with J.R.R. Tolkien adaptations and gone out on top.

Alas. The director/co-writer instead decided to take Tolkien's "Rings" predecessor, "The Hobbit," and turn the 300-page children's story into another big-screen trilogy totaling approximately 7,000 hours. At least that's how it feels sitting through part one of "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," a nearly three-hour slog. What was once—especially in the first "Rings" installment, "The Fellowship of the Ring"—a world to get lost in now provides only reasons to space out.

In a prologue as entertaining as watching the last bits of ketchup drip out of the bottle, Bilbo Baggins (Ian Holm) writes the story of his early years to Frodo (Elijah Wood), even though Frodo's right there and probably would happily sit down to hear the tale. No, Bilbo instead pens the tale of when he was 60 years younger (and played by Martin Freeman) and Gandalf came to his house and basically said, "You used to be cool and fun. You're not anymore. Come help me help these dwarves as they quest to reclaim their kingdom from a dragon."

Rather than saying, "Why did they walk so far from their old place if they were planning to return?" a muttering Bilbo first declines then finally accepts, though he's the sort of fuddy-duddy who wants to turn back because he forgot his handkerchief.







The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
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Aside from a riddle challenge between Bilbo and Gollum (Andy Serkis), what follows is familiar in the worst way. Jackson stages the same ol' epic battles and mountaintop trudging without any fresh or engaging material.

Worse, the new 48-frames-per-second technology makes the fussy, comedically embarrassing "Journey" look like a computer game on fast-forward.

Middle Earth has lost its wonder, and the fantasy characters now just wander. The film does demonstrate that orcs hyphenate the term "Dwarf-scum."

This may be something we've seen before, but at this point Jackson gives us no reason to separate a Fili from a Kili or a goblin from a necromancer or *whatever.*

How did that come about?
I'd already started directing short films when we were doing "Lord of the Rings," then video game projects. So Peter's known that I've been heading towards directing for a long time. But I always thought my first outing would be a couple of people and a digital camera in the back streets of London somewhere.

Why do you think Peter let you do it?
I think because the second unit was going to have a lot of principal cast, Peter wanted someone that could take care of the performances and create an atmosphere where the actors felt safe. Obviously I was briefed closely by Peter. But it was a huge challenge—mental, technological. I'd never shot with 3-D. Plus the day-to-day logistics of dealing with such an enormous operation.

With two more installments of "The Hobbit" still to come, you'll be the voice of Gollum for fans for many more years. Are your kids proud or embarrassed when you're asked do his distinctive, raspy voice?
I'm probably running out of credits in terms of my kids enjoying me do the Gollum voice for others. Especially my older ones [Ruby, 14, Sonny, 12]. It was cool when they were younger. But my youngest [Louie, 8] absolutely revels in it. He would have me do it all day long for his friends at school. So I still have great currency there.

GOLLUM'S EVOLUTION

When "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" opens in theaters Friday, audiences will see a more intricately rendered Gollum, the motion-capture creation memorably brought to the screen by Andy Serkis, according to director Peter Jackson, who also helmed the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

"Gollum certainly benefits from a much more intricate muscle system [than in the previous trilogy]," Jackson said in July. "Obviously with a CGI character you're building a character in much the same way as a real creature is built," he said. "You build the bones, the skeletons, the muscles."

"Gollum is a much more sophisticated performer now than he was 10 years ago," he added, noting that the creature, disfigured by his own dark obsession, still will seem quite familiar. "We've deliberately made him look the same. I really wanted 'The Hobbit' to very much have a consistency with the first three movies."

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Jackson's journey begins again

Reuters

Director Peter Jackson wants to scare children with his latest movie—and perhaps even a few grown ups.

The first movie in the Hobbit trilogy—"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey"—hits theaters Friday, and Jackson says he's tried to hold true to its roots as a children's fantasy story, with scary bits.

"If they're scared of the trolls, great; if they're scared of the goblins, great; they know there are no goblins, they know there are no trolls, it's a safe kind of danger," he says.

The film follows the journey of hobbit Bilbo Baggins, whos is reluctantly pushed into traveling with 13 dwarves to steal treasure from a dragon and regain their homeland. During his travels, he comes by the ring that he later passes onto Frodo Baggins, who was at the core of J.R.R. Tolkien's "Rings" trilogy.

Jackson says he's worked to keep distance between "The Hobbit," published in 1937, and the much darker "Lord of the Rings," which came out nearly 20 years later.





Jackson (right) talks with Cate Blanchett on set

POMPOUS AND SMALL-MINDED

Bilbo the pointy-eared, hairy-footed hobbit is played by British actor Martin Freeman.

Freeman says says he's tried to make **Bilbo** his own creation, a character audiences can root for despite his initial pomposity and small-mindedness.

"You have to be able to follow him for the duration of the film, but I wanted him to be open and changeable and ready to be surprised," Freeman said.

A COMPLICATED JOURNEY

Though he planned only two films originally, Jackson has tapped Tolkien's appendices to "Lord of the Rings" to make it into three.

Audiences also are getting more visual bang for their buck, with the movies filmed in 3-D and at 48 frames per second, double the industry standard.

This delivers clearer pictures, but opinion is divided, with some critics calling the experience cartoon-like and jarring.



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'Die Hard'

The action-movie series is rife with Twinkie references, but one of the better ones came in the first installment. After Sgt. Al Powell (Reginald VelJohnson) carts an armload of Twinkies to the counter of a convenience store, the clerk tells him that he thought cops "just ate donuts."



Twinkies—never forget

America says goodbye to a beloved icon this week as the last batch of the troubled Hostess chain's signature snack hits store shelves in Chicago.

As the nation begins the mourning process for the spongy, cream-filled treat, let's look back at the best references to the Twinkie in film and TV. **LOS ANGELES TIMES**

'Chuck'

In a call-back to the "Die Hard" scene above, "Chuck Versus Santa Claus" cast VelJohnson as Sgt. Powell, the Twinkie-loving cousin of Buy More manager Big Mike (Mark Christopher Lawrence)—who's also a Twinkie-lover.



'Zombieland'

The 2009 comedy-horror film featured Woody Harrelson as Tallahassee, a gun-toting tough guy on a quest to find the Last Twinkie. Sadly, after this week, he probably won't be the only one.

'Family Guy'

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- **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) Đ 11:00, 1:30, 3:50, 6:35, 9:05
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D** (PG-13) ★ 12:01
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) ★ Đ 12:01
- **Playing for Keeps** (PG-13) ★ Đ 11:30, 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10:05
- **Wreck-It Ralph** (PG) Đ 11:00, 1:40, 4:15, 6:50, 9:25
- **Flight** (R) Đ 12:05, 3:10, 6:15, 9:35
- **Taken 2** (PG-13) Đ 11:50, 2:10, 4:35, 6:45, 9:00, 11:15
- **Killing Them Softly** (R) Đ 11:10, 1:35, 3:55, 6:20, 8:45, 11:10
- **End of Watch** (R) ★ Đ 11:05, 1:45, 4:20, 7:30, 10:30
- **Rise of the Guardians 3D** (PG) 2:30, 7:15
- **The Collection** (R) Đ 11:15, 1:25, 3:30, 5:45, 7:50, 9:50, 11:50
- **Wreck-It Ralph 3D** (PG) 12:00, 4:50, 9:55
- **Lincoln** (PG-13) Đ 11:10, 2:35, 6:00, 9:15
- **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) 11:25, 8:30
- **Red Dawn** (PG-13) Đ 11:20, 1:55, 4:25, 7:00, 9:10, 11:30
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 11:05, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00

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- **Marina Abramovic: The Artist Is Present** (NR) 6:00
- **Step Up to the Plate** (NR) 6:00, 7:45
- **The Hunter** (R) 8:00

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2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628

- **Hotel Transylvania** (PG) 6:15
- **The Perks of Being a Wallflower** (PG-13) 2:15, 4:15, 8:00, 10:00
- **Flight** (R) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
- **The Man With the Iron Fists** (R) 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
- **This Must Be the Place** (R) 2:45, 5:20, 7:45, 10:00

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- **Starlet** (NR) 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- **The Central Park Five** (NR) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

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- **Flight** (R) 7:30

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322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago
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- **Life of Pi** (PG) Đ 2:35, 5:35
- **Skyfall** (PG-13) Đ 11:30, 12:30, 3:00, 4:05, 6:40
- **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) Đ 11:20, 1:55, 7:35
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D** (PG-13) ★ 12:00, 12:01
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) ★ Đ 12:00
- **Wreck-It Ralph** (PG) Đ 11:05, 1:45, 7:20
- **Flight** (R) Đ 11:45, 3:20
- AMC Independent **Hyde Park on Hudson** (R) ★ Đ 12:01
- **End of Watch** (R) Đ 11:15, 2:05, 4:50, 7:40
- **Rise of the Guardians 3D** (PG) 4:40
- **The Collection** (R) Đ 11:00, 1:20, 3:35, 5:55
- **Wreck-It Ralph 3D** (PG) 4:30
- **Lincoln** (PG-13) Đ 12:45, 4:15
- **Lincoln** (PG-13) Đ 11:40, 3:15, 6:50
- AMC Independent **Hitchcock** (PG-13) Đ 11:40, 2:20, 5:00, 7:50
- AMC Independent **Khiladi 786** (NR) Đ 11:55, 3:25
- AMC Independent **Talaash** (NR) Đ 11:30, 3:05
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D** (PG-13) ★ 12:01
- **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) 11:00, 2:00, 5:00
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 11:20, 2:10, 5:15

SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #2309

- **Life of Pi** (PG) Đ 12:00, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00
- **Skyfall** (PG-13) Đ 12:45, 4:00, 7:15, 10:30
- **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) Đ 1:50, 4:30, 7:10
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D** (PG-13) ★ 12:01
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) ★ Đ 12:01
- **Playing for Keeps** (PG-13) ★ Đ 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05
- **Wreck-It Ralph** (PG) Đ 2:15, 5:05, 7:45
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey -- An IMAX 3D Experience** (PG-13) ★ 12:01
- **Flight** (R) Đ 12:05, 3:35, 7:05, 10:15
- **Argo** (R) Đ 1:50, 4:50, 7:50
- **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Đ 1:40, 4:40, 7:40
- **Killing Them Softly** (R) Đ 1:05, 4:05, 6:35, 9:05, 11:35
- **Skyfall: The IMAX Experience** (PG-13) Đ 3:00, 6:15
- **End of Watch** (R) Đ 8:10, 10:50
- **Rise of the Guardians 3D** (PG) 12:10, 2:50, 5:30
- **The Collection** (R) Đ 1:35, 3:50, 6:20, 8:40, 11:00
- AMC Independent **Anna Karenina** (R) Đ 1:45, 4:45, 7:45
- **Lincoln** (PG-13) Đ 12:00, 1:00, 3:30, 4:30, 7:00, 8:00
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D** (PG-13) ★ 12:01
- **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
- **Red Dawn** (PG-13) Đ 12:40, 3:20, 6:05
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2** (PG-13) Đ 1:55, 4:50, 7:50

WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641

- **Argo** (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
- **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) 2:20, 7:35
- **Skyfall** (PG-13) 12:40, 3:50, 7:10, 10:30
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2** (PG-13) 12:10, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00
- **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) 1:10, 2:00, 4:10, 4:50, 7:00, 7:50, 10:10, 10:40
- **Life of Pi** (PG) 12:30
- **End of Watch** (R) 12:05, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:45
- **Wreck-It Ralph** (PG) 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:20
- **Flight** (R) 12:20, 3:40, 7:05, 10:35
- **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) ★ 3:30, 6:40, 9:40
- **Rise of the Guardians 3D** (PG) ★ 11:50, 5:05, 10:05
- **Playing for Keeps** (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D** (PG-13) ★ 12:01
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) ★ 12:01

SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1646

- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D** (PG-13) ★ 12:01
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) ★ Đ 12:01

SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)

4779 W. Cernak., Cicero
(800) 326-3264 #1644

- **Life of Pi** (PG) Đ 1:25, 4:20
- **Skyfall** (PG-13) Đ 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:15
- **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) Đ 12:50, 3:30, 6:05, 8:40
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D** (PG-13) 12:01
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Đ 12:01
- **Playing for Keeps** (PG-13) Đ 1:50, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45
- **Wreck-It Ralph** (PG) Đ 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20
- **Flight** (R) Đ 12:20, 3:45, 7:05, 10:30
- **Killing Them Softly** (R) Đ 12:05, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:40
- **End of Watch** (R) Đ 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
- **Rise of the Guardians 3D** (PG) 1:40, 7:15
- **The Collection** (R) Đ 1:15, 3:40, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45
- **Wreck-It Ralph 3D** (PG) 4:30, 10:05
- **Lincoln** (PG-13) Đ 2:45, 6:20, 9:50
- **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) 7:30, 10:35
- **Red Dawn** (PG-13) Đ 12:00, 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 1:10, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 10:00

SHOWPLACE ICON AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION

Clark & Roosevelt, South Loop, Chicago
(312) 564-2104

- **Wreck-It Ralph 3D** (PG) 9:00
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D** (PG-13) ★ 12:05
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D** (PG-13) ★ 12:00
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D** (PG-13) ★ ✓ 12:10
- **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) ✓ 1:40, 4:30, 7:30
- **Rise of the Guardians 3D** (PG) 1:45, 4:20, 6:50, 9:15
- **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) 1:00, 3:30
- **Wreck-It Ralph** (PG) 12:50, 3:20, 6:10
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:00, 7:00
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2** (PG-13) (Closed caption) 10:00
- **Killing Them Softly** (R) ★ 2:15, 5:10, 7:40
- **Skyfall** (PG-13) 12:40, 2:50, 4:10, 6:20, 7:20, 9:30, 10:40
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) ★ 12:15, 12:20
- **Playing for Keeps** (PG-13) ★ 10:45
- **Playing for Keeps** (PG-13) ★ 1:50, 4:50, 7:50
- **Argo** (R) (Closed caption) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
- **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
- **Lincoln** (PG-13) 1:20, 3:10, 4:45, 8:10
- **Lincoln** (PG-13) (Closed caption) 10:30
- **Lincoln** (PG-13) (Closed caption) 12:30, 3:50, 7:10
- **The Collection** (R) ★ 6:00, 8:45
- **Flight** (R) (Closed caption) 1:30, 4:40, 7:45, 10:50

VIP Premium 21+

- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D** (PG-13) ★ ***VIP Premium 21+*** 12:00
- **Skyfall** (PG-13) ***VIP Premium 21+*** 12:40, 4:10, 7:20
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) ★ ***VIP Premium 21+*** 12:15
- **Lincoln** (PG-13) ***VIP Premium 21+*** 3:10, 6:30

OAK PARK

LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)

1022 Lake Street, Oak Park
(630) 444-FILM #560

- **Life of Pi** (PG) 4:20
- **Skyfall** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
- **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D** (PG-13) ★ 12:00
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) ★ 12:00
- **Playing for Keeps** (PG-13) ★ 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
- **Flight** (R) 12:30, 3:25, 6:30
- **Lincoln** (PG-13) 12:35, 3:40, 6:45
- **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) 1:30, 7:10
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2** (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30

EVANSTON

CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)

1715 Maple Ave., Evanston
(847) 492-0123 ♿

- **Argo** (R) Đ (Closed caption) 11:05, 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25
- **End of Watch** (R) Đ (Closed caption) 11:30, 4:40, 9:50
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 11:20, 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40
- **Wreck-It Ralph** (PG) Đ (Closed caption) 11:05, 4:15, 9:25
- **Wreck-It Ralph 3D** (PG) (Closed caption) 1:40, 6:50
- **Flight** (R) Đ (Closed caption) 12:45, 4:00, 7:10, 10:20
- **Lincoln** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 11:00, 12:30, 2:15, 3:45, 5:30, 7:00, 8:45
- **Anna Karenina** (R) Đ (Closed caption) 1:35, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40
- **Skyfall** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 11:10, 12:50, 2:25, 4:05, 5:40, 7:20, 8:55
- **Life of Pi** (PG) Đ (Closed caption) 12:00
- **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) (Closed caption) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
- **Life of Pi 3D** (PG) (Closed caption) 3:00, 6:00, 9:00
- **Red Dawn** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 12:40, 3:05, 5:35, 7:55, 10:20
- **Rise of the Guardians** (PG) Đ (Closed caption) 11:35, 4:35, 9:35
- **Rise of the Guardians 3D** (PG) 2:10, 7:05
- **Silver Linings Playbook** (R) Đ (Closed caption) 11:15, 2:05, 4:55, 7:45, 10:35
- **Hitchcock** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 11:15, 1:45, 4:10, 6:45, 9:15
- **Killing Them Softly** (R) Đ (Closed caption) 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 8:00, 10:45
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 12:01, 12:02
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D** (PG-13) 12:01
- **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey 3D** (PG-13) 12:01
- **Chasing Ice** (PG-13) Đ 2:05, 7:15
- **Playing for Keeps** (PG-13) Đ (Closed caption) 11:40, 2:20, 4:50, 7:25, 10:00

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Fandango launches Oscars Web series

Los Angeles Times

Fandango is elbowing into the Oscar horse race.

The movie-ticket seller launched its first original digital video series Wednesday, "The Frontrunners," which will cover the major contenders for the top awards. The show will feature conversations with a star-studded group of Oscar hunters that includes Richard Gere ("Arbitrage"), Amy Adams ("The Master"), Hugh Jackman ("Les Miserables") and Ben Affleck ("Argo").



During the broadcasts, actors and directors will deconstruct key scenes from their movies, explaining how they crafted a moment of domestic conflict, in the case of Gere, or decided to intercut between a Hollywood script reading and the Iranian hostage crisis, as with Affleck.

Fandango will offer ticketing information along with the digital videos in hopes that the clips will inspire users to check out the movie being discussed.

The show will be hosted by Fandango's chief correspondent, Dave Karger, the movie guru the company lured over from Entertainment Weekly in September.

It's part of a bold bet that Fandango is making on original content.

"Our goal with Fandango is to make it the definitive movie-going brand across all platforms," Nick Lehman, the president of digital for NBC Universal Entertainment Networks & Interactive Media, told TheWrap in October.

"We want to continue expanding in ways that entertain and inform and video is key to that strategy. Advertisers are clamoring for it because there is a dearth of high-quality original video content on the Web," he said.

New episodes of "The Frontrunners" will air weekly through the Academy Awards on Feb. 24, 2013.

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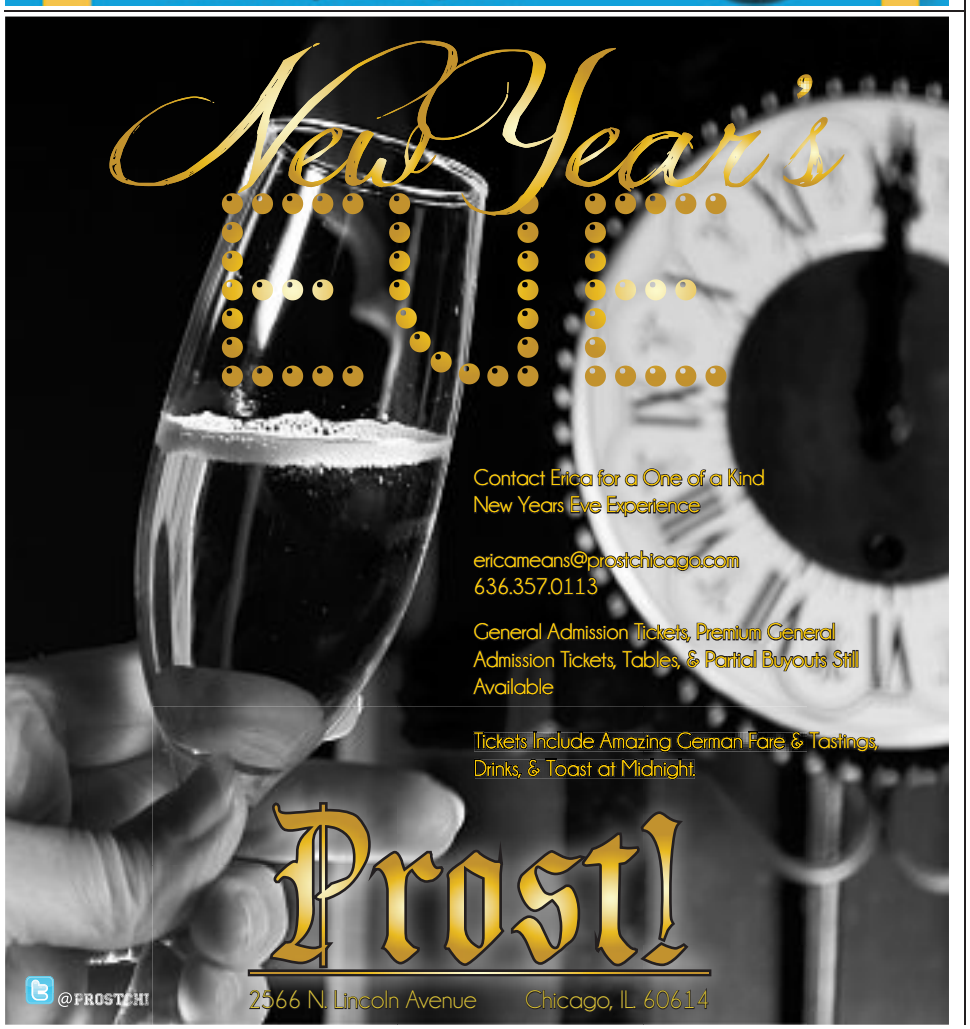
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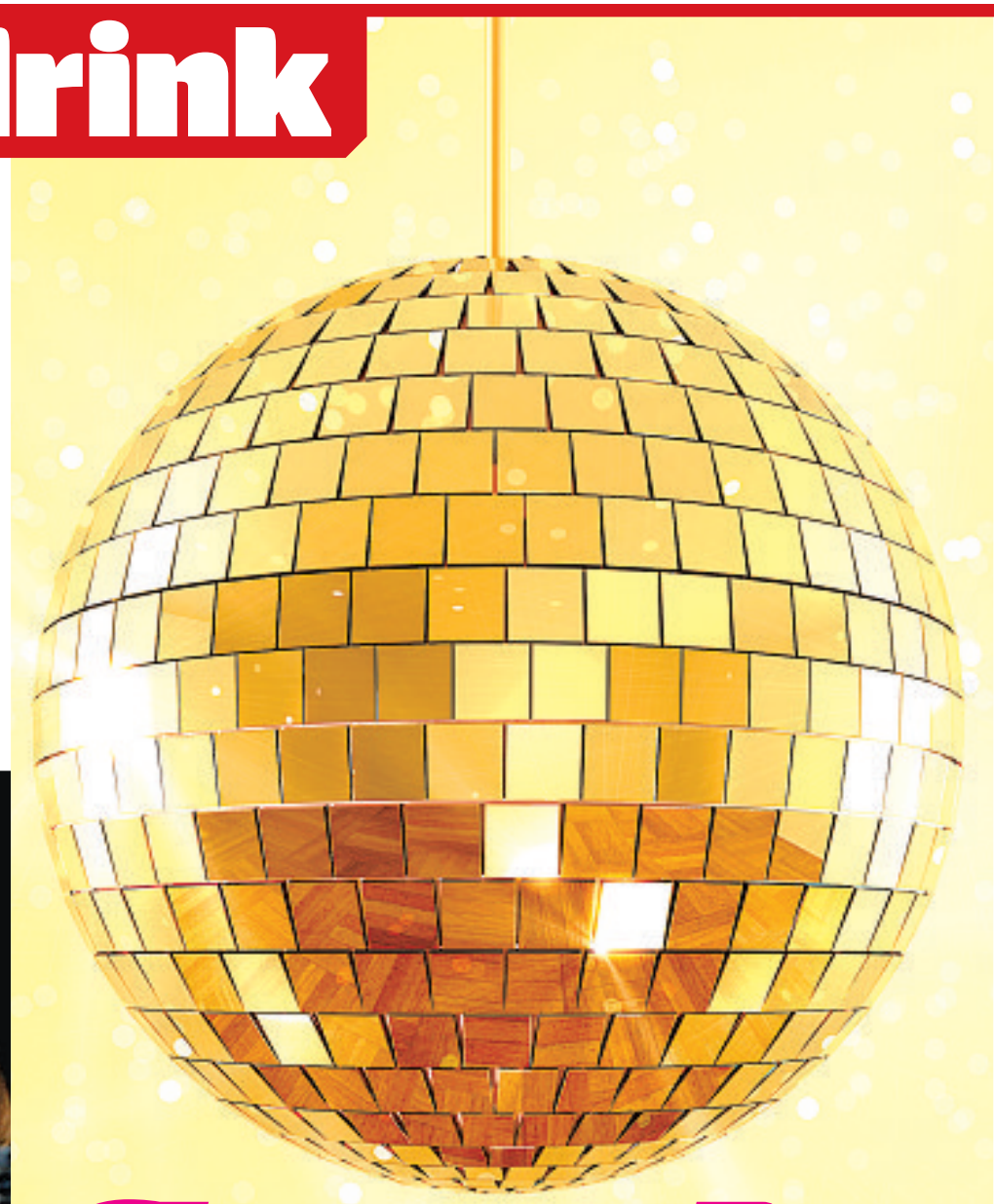
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Start the countdown

7 ways to party for New Year's Eve

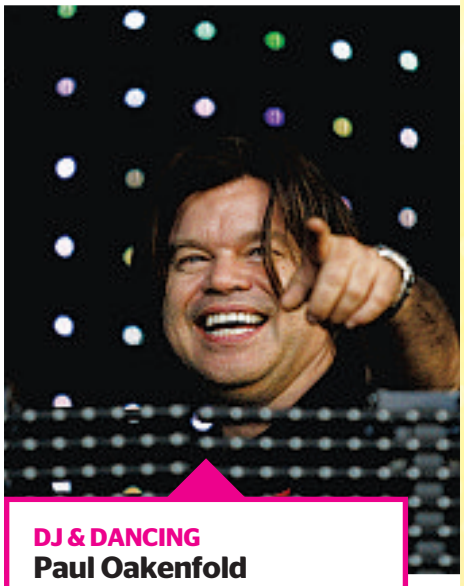
By Julia Borcherts | FOR REDEYE

New Year's resolutions can wait. Right now, all you should resolve is to ring in 2013 in style. Whether you're looking to splurge on a splashy hotel soiree, gourmet dinner or clubby dance bash, there are celebrations out there to suit all kinds of party people. JULIA BORCHERTS IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

HOTEL BASH

New Year's Eve at The Drake

There reportedly will be 45 bar stations at this swank soiree, which means you won't spend half your night in line waiting for a drink with the other 2,500 expected partygoers. Admission includes six drink tickets (seven for VIPs), with additional drinks running you $1 apiece with proceeds benefiting Red Cross Superstorm Sandy relief efforts. DJs Rock City and Jernell Geronimo spin house, hip-hop and top 40 hits in three ballrooms (four for VIPs) amid appetizer and dessert buffets, party favors and a champagne toast.
Go: 9 p.m.-2 a.m. at The Drake Hotel, 140 E. Walton St.
Tickets: $145-$175; $185-$225 (VIP). 312-787-2200; newyearspartychicago.com



DJ & DANCING

Paul Oakenfold at The Castle

Who needs noisemakers when the dance floor's already banging? Get down with the Grammy-nominated trance DJ—who's also worked with Madonna, U2 and The Happy Mondays—at the newly renovated River North club that formerly housed Excalibur and Vision. The bash includes a premium open bar (9 p.m.-1 a.m.), an appetizer buffet, five rooms of music and what the organizers are calling a "confetti storm" at midnight.
Go: 8 p.m.-4 a.m. at 632 N. Dearborn St.
Tickets: $150-$175. 312-266-1944; clubtix.com



SPEAKEASY SOIREE

New Year's Eve at Untitled

Roar into the New Year 1920s-style! NBC Chicago's Marcus Riley hosts a countdown at this elegant bash where black tie is optional but Prohibition-era wear is strongly encouraged. Admission includes a premium open bar in all six rooms of the speakeasy-esque hangout, plus late-night passed appetizers and a midnight toast. Hit the dance floor to tunes by The Gold Coast All Stars and sets by DJ Flaco and DJ Wags.
Go: 9 p.m.-2 a.m. at 111 W. Kinzie St.
Tickets: $150. 312-880-1511; fanfueled.com



GOURMET GLUTTONY

New Year's Eve at Girl & The Goat

Sure, there's beer, wine, a signature cocktail and a champagne toast at "Top Chef" winner Stephanie Izard's West Loop spot, but the real focus stays epicurean with appetizer stations set up around the restaurant and passed apps, too—plus a DJ so you can work off a few celebratory calories with your best dance moves.
Go: 8:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. at 809 W. Randolph St.
Tickets: $212.53. 312-492-6262; girlandthegoat2013.eventbrite.com

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BARBECUE BLOWOUT

New Year's Eve at Belly Q

Resolve to try everything, because it's all here. Chef Bill Kim brings Asian barbecue from all three of his restaurants—Belly Shack, Urban Belly and Belly Q—under one roof at stations such as the Dumpling Domain, Asian Pizzeria and Dessert Coma, plus an open bar with beer, cocktails and well drinks. Also includes a DJ and a sake station.
Go: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. at 1400 W. Randolph St.
Tickets: $125. 312-563-1010; brownpapertickets.com



STARRY ROOFTOP PARTY

Roof at the Wit

It's the first New Year's Eve since this 27th-floor rooftop bar added a retractable glass roof, so this year, you can dance the night away amid the twinkling lights of surrounding Loop high-rises. The posh party also features a premium open bar (9 p.m.-1 a.m.), passed appetizers, a champagne toast and beats by Skam Artists DJ Eric D-Lux.
Go: 9 p.m.-2 a.m. at 201 N. State St., 27th floor
Tickets: $161.25. 312-239-9502; fanfueled.com/roof

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Stephanie Findon
26, works at Apple

What brings you out this afternoon?
I'm here for Johnny Weir. My mom is quite obsessed with him.

Would you date him if he was straight?
Um, I really don't know him well enough. Maybe. He's pretty cute.

What's your favorite holiday drink and why?
I don't think it's a holiday drink, but I really like bloody marys. They help me the following day after a lot of whiskey.

What's one thing you want for Christmas this year?
I want to be able to teleport.



Mark Ruffin *29, hairstylist*

What's a cool hair style for the holidays?
Bangs. Everybody needs bangs, boys and girls.

What's your fave holiday song and why?
"All I Want Is Christmas Is You," because that's all I want for Christmas.

What's one thing that people wouldn't want their hairstylist to reveal?
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Ryan Willing *33, nightclub promoter*

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JLT: Jowl is the new pork belly, The Purple Pig chef Jimmy Bannos Jr. declared one morning while we sampled his pig-part obsession. The pork around the cheeks and jowls is traditionally cured to make guanciale, but cooking it as bacon was new to me. What struck me was how the streaky fat collapsed between the teeth without a fight, practically dissolving the pork fat on the palate like ice cream on a warm bowl. Bannos tells me his jowl bacon requires four days: two days of curing, a one-day soak in white wine and a final day being confited in Berkshire back fat before being grilled on the plancha. When I returned a week later and ordered his JLT sandwich ($12), the jowl bacon was put to even greater use: served open-faced with frisee, tomatoes and a fried duck egg served sunny side up. This is strictly a fork-and-knife sandwich, and when the sunflower-colored yolk lacquers the bacon and soaks into the crunchy toast crevices, it makes you wonder why other BLT producers would bother to keep trying. I mean, become an actuary. **TRIBUNE**

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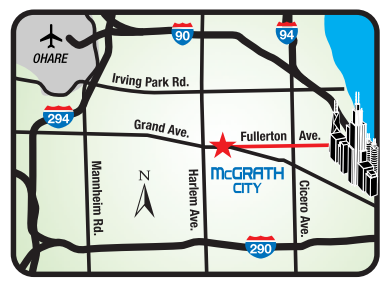
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Vicious Lies and Dangerous Rumors
Big Boi

By Adam Lukach
REDEYE SOUND BOARD

Both as a solo artist and with Outkast, Big Boi has proven himself an intensely dedicated craftsman—an open-minded listener rooted in Southern funk but relentlessly interested in pushing its boundaries. Yet that rep often is forgotten, or at least more closely associated with the enigmatic Andre 3000.

Big Boi's creativity is painfully obvious, however, on "Vicious Lies and Dangerous Rumors," the second official solo album from Outkast's pimp half, which aspires for dynamic indie-rap but ends up wandering somewhere between the genres.

On "Lies," he swirls in some melancholy electro-pop, only halfway guided by the funky Timberland footprints in which Big Boi usually stomps around. There's no trunk-thump nailing these cuts to the floor like "Shutterbugg," a standout from 2010's "Sir Lucious Left Foot: The Son of Chico Dusty." Rather, songs like "Apple of My Eye" lay down a swinging rhythm before curbing the groove with some lower-register guitar plucking, coming off like The xx's version of "You Can't Hurry Love."

Even the guest list drips with ambition. Big Boi recruited acts like Phantogram, Little Dragon and Wavves to embellish his decidedly indie aesthetic. But that ambition usurps the execution when it comes to results. "Shoes for Running" features Wavves and B.o.B, and it comes off more like an earnest twee "crossover" than a cohesive collaboration of diverse tastes. "CPU," with Phantogram, further showcases the mismatches: A belching bass line gets lost under some dainty bells and a wispy chorus, unfortunately losing some conscious lyrics that sound like a 2012 version of "Synthesizer."

Big Boi's high points should always be applauded, but this time he casts his net too wide on an album that contains too many holes to fulfill its ambitions.

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movies



Hugh Jackman and Anne Hathaway star in 'Les Miserables'

SAG noms: A president, a villain and a hero pilot

Reuters

Hollywood's actors cast their net wide Wednesday, nominating performers from big awards contenders "Lincoln" and musical "Les Miserables" for Screen Actors Guild honors while also singling out the likes of Denzel Washington and Javier Bardem.

"Lincoln," "Les Miserables" and comedy "Silver Linings Playbook" led the nominations for the SAG awards with four apiece, including the top prize of best movie ensemble cast.

Joining them with two nominations each were the cast of Iranian hostage drama "Argo" and, in a surprise choice, British comedy "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel."

The awards from the Screen Actors Guild are among the most-watched honors during Hollywood film awards season leading up to the Academy Awards because actors make up the largest voting group when the Oscars come around in February.

SAG voters focus on performances rather than directing and writing, meaning action and effects-heavy films such as "The Hobbit" are usually sidelined.

Consequently, SAG largely shunned the expected Oscar contender "Zero Dark Thirty," about the U.S. hunt for Osama bin Laden, giving it just one nomination for Jessica Chastain's performance as a CIA agent.

But the latest James Bond blockbuster "Skyfall" made it onto SAG's list, with nominations for its stunt ensemble and Spanish actor Bardem's supporting turn as blond-haired villain Silva.



Other perceived Oscar-worthy movies, including slavery-era Western "Django Unchained," went unmentioned, while cult drama "The Master" had just one nomination—for actor Philip Seymour Hoffman.

Nicole Kidman made the best supporting actress list for her turn in the steamy but little-seen independent movie "The Paperboy," while Britain's Helen Mirren was recognized for her portrayal of Alfred Hitchcock's long-suffering wife in "Hitchcock."

The SAG awards will be given out in Los Angeles on Jan. 27 in a live telecast on the TBS and TNT networks.

Honest Abe gains steam

Reuters

"Lincoln," director Steven Spielberg's well-reviewed film about President Abraham Lincoln's battle to outlaw slavery, has been picking up multiple accolades from U.S. critics in the busy Hollywood awards season.

On Wednesday, it brought SAG nominations for lead actor Daniel Day-Lewis and supporting actors Sally Field, as his wife, and Tommy Lee Jones, as powerful Congressman Thaddeus Stevens.

Hugh Jackman was nominated for best actor while Anne Hathaway is in the race for her supporting role in the movie adaptation of hit stage musical "Les Miserables."

Other actors nominated Wednesday include the stars of quirky comedy "Silver Linings Playbook"—Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Lawrence and Robert DeNiro. John Hawkes and Helen Hunt also have a stake, for playing a disabled man and his sex therapist in the heart-warming indie movie "The Sessions."

"Being recognized by your peers is something I could only dream of happening, and to be included in this group of actors is not only humbling but quite frankly, surreal," Cooper, a first-time SAG nominee, said in a statement.

Washington, a two-time Oscar winner, was nominated for playing an alcoholic pilot in "Flight," a role that has been largely overlooked in early critics awards.

Perhaps the biggest surprise Wednesday was "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," the story of a group of elderly Britons who retire to a ramshackle Indian hotel.

The film, which boasts a strong British cast including Judi Dench, Tom Wilkinson and Bill Nighy, had two nominations: best ensemble and best supporting actress for Maggie Smith.

Smith also was nominated in SAG's TV category for her role as a sarcastic countess in period drama "Downton Abbey."

The popular British show was among the picks for ensemble acting in the TV category.

Other TV drama nominations went to the casts of "Boardwalk Empire," "Homeland," "Mad Men" and "Breaking Bad."

In TV comedy, old favorites "30 Rock," "Glee," "The Big Bang Theory," "Modern Family," "Nurse Jackie" and "The Office" were nominated for their ensemble casts.



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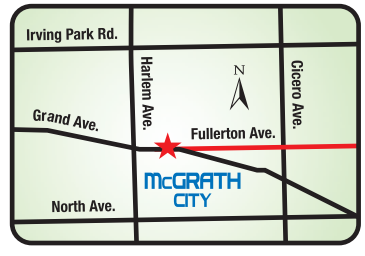
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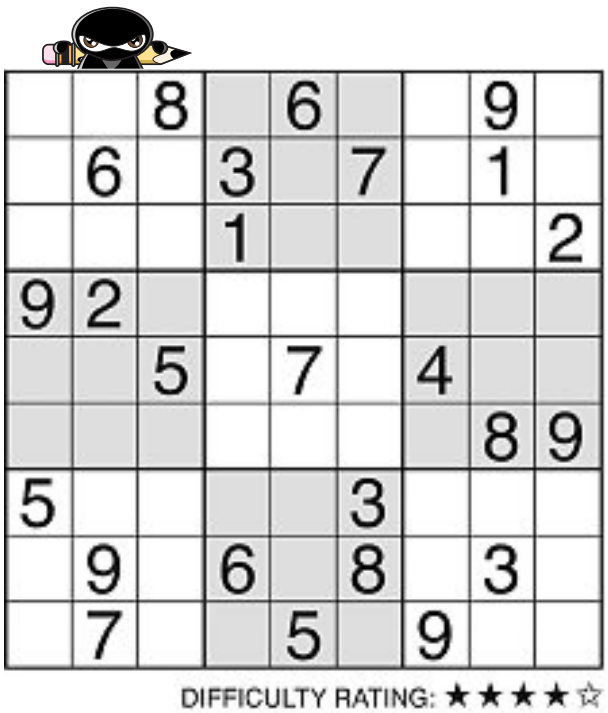
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1977: The University of Evansville basketball team was wiped out when its DC-3 crashed after takeoff; the death toll of 21 included coaches, faculty, parents and alumni.

1978: The Philadelphia Mint began stamping the Susan B. Anthony dollar, which went into circulation the following July.

2003: Saddam Hussein was captured by U.S. forces while hiding in a hole under a farmhouse in Ad Dawr, Iraq.

ACROSS
1 Easy to handle; gentle
5 _ the way; pioneers
10 Dull in color
14 Strong _ ox
15 Extremely
16 City near Lake Tahoe
17 Longstanding quarrel
18 Spick-and-span
19 Dines
20 Garment alterers
22 Disease that gives red spots
24 Lamb's mother
25 Injures
26 Make laugh
29 Hydrogen or oxygen
30 Miami _, Fla.
34 "A _ home is his castle"
35 Spider's creation
36 Football shirt
37 Perform
38 Hand over
40 Beanie
41 Left shore
43 Little child
44 Stockings
45 Perspiration
46 Uncooked
47 Takes a chunk out of
48 Religious belief
50 Massage
51 Modified
54 Winged horse of myth
58 Half of eight
59 Ice cream portion
61 Couldn't _; fell apart emotionally
62 "_ Karenina"
63 Piece of dining room furniture
64 Owl's cry
65 Become dizzy
66 Sales pitch
67 Travel lodges

DOWN
1 Pres. William Howard _
2 Bewildered
3 Hawaiian island
4 Perpetual
5 Ill-gotten gain
6 Building wings
7 Supped
8 Theater plays
9 Not as crazy
10 Bureau
11 Genuine
12 Opening bet
13 Supervisor
21 Be in the red
23 Yellow-orange
25 Native environment
26 Pile up
27 Colorful parrot
28 Loosen
29 Become firm
31 Necktie type
32 Discontinue
33 Overdoes the promotion
35 Marry
36 Fast plane
38 Dissuade
39 Sworn promise
42 Sideways football pass
44 Small barbecue
46 Railroad porter
47 Beetle or ant
49 Birds' homes
50 Fight off
51 In the distance
52 "The _ Ranger"
53 Melody
54 Vaulter's need
55 In just a bit
56 Come _; find
57 _ up; arranges
60 Japanese sash

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V6, ALLOYS, PL, PW, TILT, CRUISE, CD, AUTO, #130789 — 46 AVAILABLE AT VARYING PRICES

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LTHR, LOADED! DUAL PWR SEATS, CD, FULLY LOADED! #2052	SILVER, ALLOYS, PW, PL, TILT, LOADED! #78353A	LTHR, MOONROOF, ALLOYS, 1 OWNER LOW MILES, #X2011	V6, ALLOYS, PW, PL, LOADED, #85425A	ALLOYS, PWR MOONROOF, PW, PL, TILT, CRUISE, LOADED! #X3186
$5,989* OR $139^	$7,989* OR $179^	$9,989* OR $219^	$10,989* OR $239^	$11,989* OR $229^
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2010 FORD FOCUS	2011 MAZDA 3 SEDAN	2010 TOYOTA MATRIX	2011 FORD FUSION SEL	2012 CHEVY CAMARO LT
		 Leather, Loaded!		 Only 12K Miles!
AUTO, PL, PW, TILT, CRUISE, #X2014	SILVER, ALLOYS, AUTO, PL, PW, TILT, CRUISE! #X2000	BLACK, AUTO, PW, PL, LOADED, #78065A	V6, LTHR, MOONROOF, ALLOYS, LOADED! #X2030	AUTO, ALLOYS, CD, FULLY LOADED! PRE-DRIVEN, #X4244
$12,989* OR $249^	$13,989* OR $269^	$14,989* OR $279^	$15,989* OR $299^	$23,989* OR $459^
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AUTO, 8 FT BED, ALLOYS, NICE, #X3100	XLT CHROME PKG, ALLOYS, RUNNING BOARDS, FULLY LOADED! #X4022	5.7L HEMI, 20" ALLOYS, CD, LOW MILES, LOADED! #X2015	SILVER, ALLOYS, TONNEAU COVER, PW, PL, BAL OF WRNTY! #X3911	ALLOYS, PL, PW, TILT, CRUISE, LIKE NEW!, PRE-DRIVEN, #60338
$12,989* OR $249^	$13,989* OR $309^	$18,989* OR $359^	$25,989* OR $499^	$29,989* OR $579^
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2002 DODGE CARAVAN SXT	2005 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY TOURING	2005 HONDA ODYSSEY EX-L	2012 DODGE GR CARAVAN SXT	2012 FORD E-250 CARGO EXT
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BLACK, AUTO, ALLOYS, WINTER READY! #100658A	LTHR, MNROOF, HTD SEATS, 3RD ROW SEATING, LOADED, #X2017	STERLING GREY, MOONROOF, LTHR, ALLOYS, 1 OWNER! #X2003	BLACK W/BLACK LTHR INTERIOR, 3RD ROW SEAT, CHROME WHLS, LOADED! #X2457	BLACK, 4X4, OFF ROAD PKG, MOONROOF, LOADED! #X1447B
$9,989* OR $219^	$12,989* OR $289^	$14,989* OR $279^	$14,989* OR $279^	$14,989* OR $329^
PER MO W/$500 DOWN	PER MO W/$500 DOWN	PER MO W/$500 DOWN	PER MO W/$500 DOWN	PER MO W/$500 DOWN

2004 INFINITI FX35 AWD	2011 GMC TERRAIN SLE 4X4	2007 TOYOTA SEQUOIA LTD 4X4	2010 MAZDA CX-9 AWD	2013 JEEP GR CHEROKEE LAREDO 4X4
				 3,000 Miles Only!
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$11,989* OR $259^	$18,989* OR $359^	$25,989* OR $499^	$26,989* OR $519^	$28,989* OR $559^
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2013 FORD TAURUS LTD	2011 LINCOLN MKX AWD	2011 FORD F-150 CREW CAB PLATINUM	2012 FORD F-250 CREW CAB KING RANCH 4X4	2003 DODGE VIPER SRT-10 CONVT
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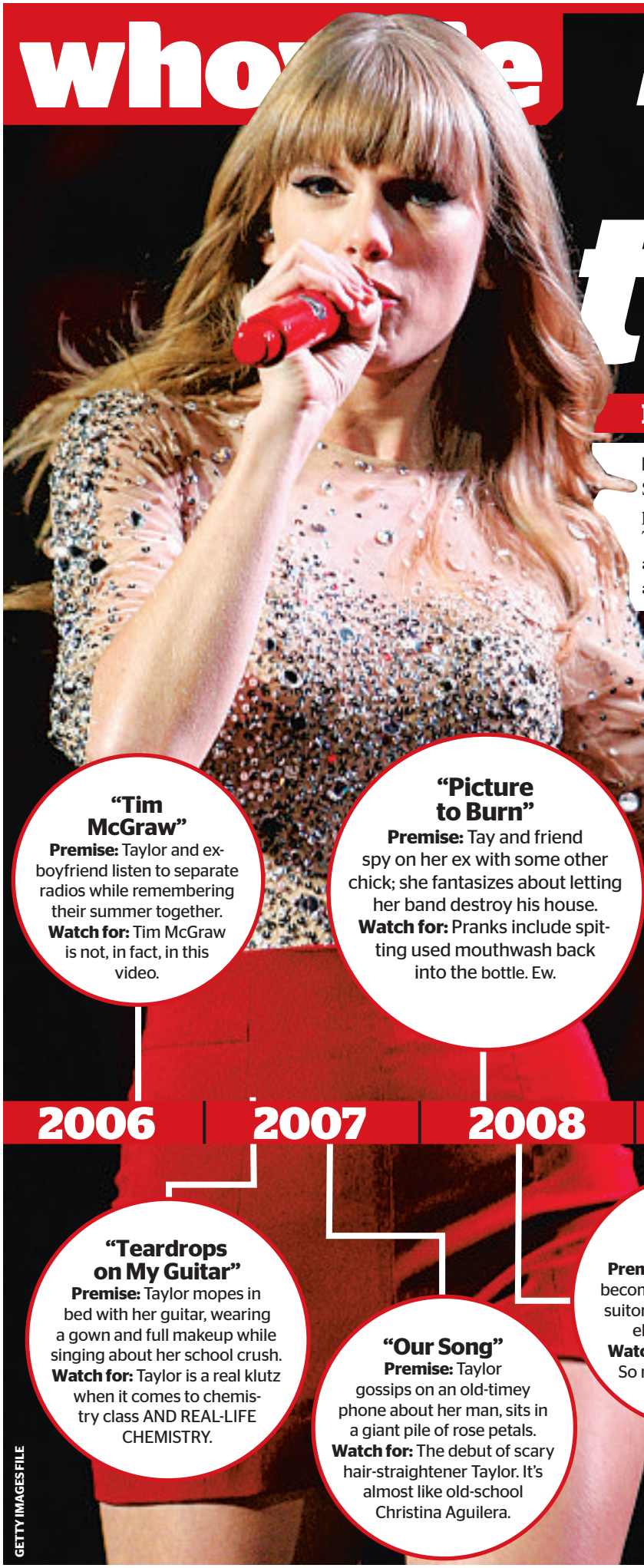
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Taylor takeover

REWINDING MS. SWIFT'S VIDEO COLLECTION IS EXHAUSTING

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

She may not be a Lindsay Lohan-level partier, but Taylor Swift still knows how to tie one on. The country/pop cutie celebrates her 23rd birthday this week by releasing her 23rd music video, for "I Knew You Were Trouble," **thr.com** reports. It will first air at 3:40 p.m. Thursday on MTV. Now, we're not insane enough to actually WATCH 22 Taylor Swift videos in a row to prepare for Thursday's premiere, but here are 10 that are worth checking out. **DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM | @REDEYEDANA**



2006

"Tim McGraw"
Premise: Taylor and ex-boyfriend listen to separate radios while remembering their summer together.
Watch for: Tim McGraw is not, in fact, in this video.

2007

"Teardrops on My Guitar"
Premise: Taylor mopes in bed with her guitar, wearing a gown and full makeup while singing about her school crush.
Watch for: Taylor is a real klutz when it comes to chemistry class AND REAL-LIFE CHEMISTRY.

"Our Song"
Premise: Taylor gossips on an old-timey phone about her man, sits in a giant pile of rose petals.
Watch for: The debut of scary hair-straightener Taylor. It's almost like old-school Christina Aguilera.

2008

"Picture to Burn"
Premise: Tay and friend spy on her ex with some other chick; she fantasizes about letting her band destroy his house.
Watch for: Pranks include spitting used mouthwash back into the bottle. Ew.

"Love Story"
Premise: Campus hottie becomes Shakespeare-era suitor in Taylor's way-too-elaborate fantasy.
Watch for: Lace cravats. So many lace cravats.

2009

"White Horse"
Premise: Taylor considers giving a scuzzy ex a second chance. No dice.
Watch for: Boyfriend is played by Stephen Colletti from "Laguna Beach."

2010

"You Belong With Me"
Premise: Nice blonde Taylor battles an evil brunette cheerleader for her neighbor's affections.
Watch for: Trickery! Taylor's nemesis is actually HERSELF in a wig.

"Back to December"
Premise: Emo dude mopes as Taylor mopes in a bathtub. But wait ...
Watch for: Turns out when you REALLY go back to December, it snows indoors.

2011

"We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together"
Premise: Big-city Taylor relives her on-and-off relationship with some scuzzbag.
Watch for: Taylor's band dressed as furries. Helloooo, dude in a bear suit.

2012

"Ours"
Premise: Downtrodden office worker slumps through her day and watches videos of her boyfriend before meeting him at the airport.
Watch for: Her boyfriend, who's returning from the military, is played by Evanston's Zach Gilford.

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Baby bumpin'

Busy Philipps is pregnant and workin' it. The "Cougar Town" star made her first public appearance Wednesday, just a few days after announcing she's expecting her second child. Wearing a blue dress with a red belt over her baby bump, Philipps was accompanied by Taye Diggs as she announced the SAG Awards nominations in L.A.

» What about the noms? Turn to **Page 39**.

THE DIGIT

245 That's how many days in jail Lindsay Lohan could face if a judge finds her in violation of her probation stemming from a 2011 jewelry theft, **latimes.com** reports. The court date deciding Lohan's future was set Wednesday for Jan. 15 after her probation was revoked due to three misdemeanor counts from a June traffic accident.

HOT DATE

DEC. 27

That's the premiere date for "Wives With Beehives," TLC's special that follows "a handful of American families trying to turn the clock back to a time of 'old-fashioned values and morals,' " **thr.com** reports.

Stars come out

"How do I begin again?" Bruce Springsteen sang. "My city's in ruins?" Thus began Wednesday's "12-12-12" benefit concert for Superstorm Sandy victims at New York's Madison Square Garden, Reuters reports. Eddie Vedder, Chris Martin, Alicia Keys and Kanye West also were among the who's who of celebs scheduled to lend their star power.



$uper $pears

Britney Spears is rich, y'all! She brought in an estimated $58 million between May 2011 and May 2012, claiming the title of top-earning woman in music, Forbes said Wednesday. Taylor Swift was a close second at $57 million, followed by Rihanna at $53 million.



Anne Hathaway
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"SORRY ABOUT THAT. I'D BE HAPPY TO STAY HOME, BUT, THE FILM."

—**Anne Hathaway**, on Wednesday's "Today" show, after photographers captured a revealing photo of the starlet without underwear Monday as she stepped out of a car for the New York premiere of "Les Miserables"



Amanda Seyfried

Yep, Amanda Seyfried was a little drunk during her appearance Tuesday on "The Late Show With David Letterman." "To be honest with you Dave, I've had about three," she told Letterman, **usmagazine.com** reports. "I'm a big fan of whiskey. I had some Midleton. ... And then your lovely colleagues had some Jameson waiting for me [backstage]."

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